Proper utilization of manpower

*416. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more staff in Doordarshan comparing to other private channels in the modern satellite age;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken or proposd to be taken for the proper utilization of manpower;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are huge numbers of causal labour working in Doordarshan since more than 10 years to 30 years and they are waiting for their permanent appointment in Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's view thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir. The staff requirements of Doordarshan are not comparable with those of private channels as Doordarshan is also running a large terrestrial network all over India apart from the satellite channels.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) At present 253 casual labourers and 278 Casual Artists are working in various field offices of Doordarshan. The Casual Artist in the categories of Floor Assistants, Production Assistant, Carpenter, Painter, Tailor, Graphic Artists, Make up Assistant etc. are considered for regularization in accordance with the provisions of regularization scheme of Prasar Bharati as and when the regular vacancies come up in the respective grades. The casual labourers are considered for regularization in accordance with the Casual Labourers (Grant of Temporary Status and Regularization) Scheme of Government of India, 1993.

Construction of a complex for All India Panchayat Association in Delhi

*417. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct central office-cum-multi-purpose complex for All India Panchayat Association in Delhi on the land owned by Balvantrai Memorial Trust;

(b) if so, the present status of above proposal including area of the land

identified, the details of the project submitted and grant/financial aid, identified, if any;

(c) whether the above trust had taken any decision for concurring with the above proposal;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of the present utility and the control of above land?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (f) The All India Panchayat Parishad (not Association) has requested the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to support the setting up of training facilities for making use of the facilities of the All India Panchayat Parishad in Mayur Vihar, Delhi with the focus on training members of Gram Panchayats on Government of India programmes, financial management, rural hub management and Nyaya Panchayat and accommodation for the representatives of Gram Panchayats who would come to Delhi to attend various training and capacity building programmes of AIPP and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to be named after the former Prime Minister the late Shri Rajiv Gandhi, the architect of the present Panchayati Raj in India. Details of the proposal and its financial dimensions have not been spelt out.

2. The All India Panchayat Parishad has not specified the details of the land referred to in the proposal. However, 7.5 acres (37 Bighas 17 Biswas) of land under Khewat No. 8/29, Khasra No. 368 situated in Mauza Gharonda Neemka, Banjar near Patpar Ganj, Delhi in Gaon Sabha Patpar Ganj were leased to the All India Panchayat Parishad (AIPP) *vide* registered lease deed dated 17.10.1966. The lessee, All-India Panchayat Parishad, in turn sub-leased the land under consideration to the Balwantrai Mehta Panchayati Raj Foundation *vide* registered lease deed dated 5th October, 1971 subject to the stipulation *vide* clause 10 of the aforesaid lease deed that the sub-lessee shall have no right to transfer the leasehold rights in the land thereby conveyed.

3. However, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) initiated proceedings under Land Acquisition Act for acquisition of the land under consideration. An Award was declared by the Competent Authority on 31.03.1977 and, as claimed by the DDA, the possession of the land was handed over to the Land & Buildings (L&B) Department of the DDA on 31.05.1977. The acquisition proceedings were challenged before the Hon. Delhi High Court, which issued orders for the maintenance of the *status quo.*

4. The Chairman, Balwantrai Mehta Panchayati Raj Foundation, Dr. L.M. Singhvi has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India to help establish a National Institute of Panchayati Raj Training and Research on the aforesaid land under their possession. This proposal includes a National Campus to establish training and correspondence courses, an examination system, and field research projects for providing training for Panchayati Raj officials and to disseminate literature and reports. There is also a proposal to build an Auditorium, committee rooms and transit guest house facilities for those involved in the Panchayati Raj Institutions. The financial details have not been submitted or worked out.

5. The land under consideration is being used for providing temporary accommodation to visiting Panchayat representatives and other allied personnel.

Telecasting of amusing serials

*418. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of serials telecast on Doordarshan National Channel daily dealing with the family life;

(b) the number of episodes of such serials granted for telecast and how far such serials have adverse effect on the life of common/businessman;

(c) the reasons for granting such long serials on National Channel of Doordarshan; and

(d) by when only amusing serials shall be introduced on the National Channel instead of such long and boring serials?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati have made available the following details of serials telecast on Doordarshan's National channel (DD-I), dealing with the family life:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Programme	No. of episodes granted for telecast
1.	Marayada	390
2.	Zindagi Ek Safar	285
3.	Sapne Sajan Ke	390